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Police investigating double homicide

SUE TIFFIN
Staff Reporter

A double homicide investigation is underway in Highlands East. Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a report of human remains in the Glamor Lake Road area on Jan. 21. Police have identified the two deceased as Deidra Ann Smith, 35 years old, and Ghislain (Justin) Robichaud, 34 years old, both of St. Catharines, Ont. The investigation is ongoing and further information will be released when it becomes available. The OPP has established a tip line for this investigation. Anyone having information on this incident is asked to contact the tip line at 1-844-677-5010, or the Haliburton Highlands OPP at (705) 286-1431. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit your information online at www.khcs.ca.

As they become available, new details on this story will be published at haliburtonecho.ca.

Celebrating
Robbie Burns

Annika Gervais smiles with excitement, and maybe a bit of nerves, before embarking on a Highland Fling with her fellow Mansfield School of Highland Dance dancers at the annual Robbie Burns night at the Haliburton Legion on Jan. 27. See more on page 11.
/SUE TIFFIN Staff



Surgery goes well for injured deer

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Surgery to remove an arrow from a Haliburton deer on Sunday was successful. The procedure was performed by Dr. Sherri Cox, wildlife veterinarian, at the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Rosseau. Present for the two-hour surgery was Monika Melichar of the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary of Minden Hills, who has been co-ordinating the capture of the young doe since it was first reported in late December. Melichar made the journey to Rosseau with sanctuary volunteers Jennifer Coates, a retired-veterinarian, and Angie Steckle. She said the warmer temperatures helped and with Cox set up inside the deer enclosure, it "reminded me of a Nativity scene." Cox, with assistance by her sister Dana and Howard Smith of the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, removed the arrow with a pair of sterile pliers. Once removed, the arrow was discovered to have three "razor sharp blades. One of them had broken off" that had to be removed separately. The arrow had entered just above the eye and came out just above the jaw bone. Her brow bone had sustained a fracture that will leave a lump. Although the deer did not lose the eye, it is too early to know if there was damage.

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Haliburton resident Dave Allen holds the arrow shaft cut from the young deer that was successfully tranquilized for its trip to the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary on Wednesday, Jan. 24 in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

Prognosis good for injured deer

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"The prognosis is good but still unclear," Melichar wrote in an email. "We will not know if the eye will be functional yet. It is heavily sunken due to the swelling so it was difficult to assess. But we unanimously agreed to give her the best possible chance and leave it be for now, as it can always be removed later. We also cannot predict if her jaw muscles will work properly."

"An arrow with those type of blades can cause terrible damage. But she is young and quite the trooper so fingers crossed for a full and quick recovery."

The surgery also revealed the deer's jaw bones were almost seized, preventing her from opening her mouth. Melichar said the deer compensated for the protrusion by turning her head sideways to feed. During the past few weeks food had collected in her cheek and fermented, emitting a foul smell. Cox removed this food during the surgery.

"We think that due to the razor sharp blades being so close to her jaw, and most likely cutting her every time she chewed, it was too painful to move her mouth while eating so she adapted to just swallowing," Melichar said.

Antibiotics are being used to prevent infection.

A specific timeline for the deer's recovery is uncertain, but a spring release to the Highlands is expected.

Howard Smith and Mike Cardy of the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary captured the deer on Wednesday,

Jan. 25 at the Haliburton residence of Dave Allen, who had contacted Melichar about the deer feeding at his property. The deer was transported to the Aspen Valley sanctuary because it was closer to Cox.

Allen was thankful to Melichar and her team, Smith and Cardy for their efforts.

The former hunter said deer hunting season had ended before the deer was first spotted and adds it weighed no more than 50 lbs., indicating it was a fawn born last year.

"Although I no longer hunt deer, I find this most disturbing as I don't understand why anyone would shoot such a young deer resulting in a terrible hardship for this poor little critter since the middle of December when bow season apparently ended. I look forward to seeing her back here in the spring," Allen said.



Haliburton's injured deer receives medical attention at Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Muskoka. /Photo submitted by Monika Melichar

11 Critical Home Inspection Traps To be Aware of Weeks Before Listing Your Haliburton Highlands Home or Cottage for Sale

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YWCA SafeSpace not sustainable, report finds

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

HERS, the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace in Minden, needs a different operating model, and more money, if it is to continue offering its services.

Jennifer Cureton, director of philanthropy and communications for YWCA Peterborough Haliburton visited Haliburton County councillors during their Jan. 24 meeting to update them on a sustainability study on the facility that the organization undertook last year.

HERS is a safe haven for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. The facility was closed from November of 2015 through March 2016 due to usage outpacing financial resources and subsequently the YWCA launched a fundraising campaign, seeking to raise \$120,000 to help keep the space open for two years, and conduct the study.

"There were a couple of key findings," Cureton said. "The first is that the service we provide in Haliburton County is vital."

In 2016, the organization helped 124 individual women in Haliburton County, fielding more than 1,200 crisis calls and conducting some 670 outreach counsel sessions. Cureton told councillors that demand has continued to grow.

Another finding of the study is that the service has to change, or be enhanced.

"The Haliburton services, without significant changes, are unsustainable," Cureton said. "So, that last point is something that we've been sort of grappling with and trying to wrap our heads around."

The organization has been in touch with the Ministry of Community and Social Services, which is its main funder.

"They are committed to not letting us close," Cureton told council. "That's important for you all to know; it's important for us to know."

Possible service model changes will require feasibility studies. One would be changing HERS from a safe space – it's open on an as-needed basis and provides living space for two women and their children – to a 24-hour-a-day shelter. Another option the YWCA is investigating is to change the facility to limited time housing with a rent-geared-to-income system.

Cureton pointed out that providing services in rural areas is more expensive, because a sparse population is spread out, meaning counsellors have to drive long distances to see clients.

Even with ongoing fundraising – Haliburton County gave the YWCA a grant of \$25,000 over two years during its 2016 fundraising campaign – there is a projected deficit for the current fiscal year or \$26,000.

There is a projected deficit of nearly \$135,000 for the next fiscal year.

"In the meantime, we have received a little bit of additional funding from the ministry to keep going," Cureton said. "I know that's not a lot of answers for you today, but that's where we stand and that's what we're working on."

"The elephant in the room is base funding and it continues to be base funding," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, indicating the ministry needs to provide more money.

Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Cheryl Murdoch told her to return to council if the situation got desperate, and that never again should the facility be shut down.

"This is a great service to our area, it's definitely needed," Murdoch said. "If you get critical, you need to come to this council, and the four municipal councils. That should not happen again."

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MPP releases statement on PC leader's resignation

JENN WATT

Editor

Local MPP Laurie Scott called the events last week "a shock to all of us" in a statement released via Twitter Thursday.

At 9:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24, PC leader Patrick Brown called a press conference to deny allegations of sexual misconduct, calling the accounts detailed in a CTV News report "untrue."

Hours later, Brown resigned as leader, reiterating that the "allegations are false," but stating that "defeating Kathleen Wynne in 2018 is more important than

one individual."

He said he would remain an MPP as he worked to clear his name.

Brown's resignation was the right thing to do, Scott said in her statement.

"My PC Caucus colleagues and I believe that sexual assault is a very serious issue and that it must be treated with the utmost seriousness," she wrote.

"As someone who fights for victims of sexual exploitation every day, I believe that the voices of women always need to be heard. There is now a process that has to be followed, which we recognize and respect."

On Friday, the party selected Vic Fedeli as interim leader.



Warden meets with provincial politicians

Haliburton County Warden Suzanne Partridge (back row, fourth from right), as a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, took part in talks with key provincial politicians including Premier Kathleen Wynne at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in Toronto last week. According to information from the wardens' caucus, there were two main priorities discussed for the region: building the EORN cellular and public safety broadband network, a \$299-million project; and implementing the Eastern Ontario economic development strategy. /Photo submitted

County declines MTO grant application

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County council will stick with its plan of commissioning an implementation plan for a transportation service in the community, forgoing a grant opportunity from the Ministry of Transportation.

At a December meeting, council decided it will hire a consultant to complete a transportation project implementation plan and has allotted \$50,000 in the 2018 draft budget for that purpose.

During a Jan. 24 meeting, councillors were visited by Tina Jackson and Sue Shikaze of the Haliburton County community transportation task force, who asked councillors to take advantage of a new community transportation grant program offered by the MTO.

A business case prepared by the task force that councillors had received at their December meeting outlined a number of transportation options, one being a booked, shared ride service that would transport residents who called to book rides. It was estimated the cost for such a service would be at least \$192,000 a year.

"I know there is some concern about how this model will meet the needs of all residents, and I'm here to assure you that it can't and it won't," Jackson said, adding that ideally a suite of transportation services is required to fulfill the needs of residents.

"Our request is that you reconsider your decision and prepare and submit an application to the ministry of transportation," Shikaze said.

She emphasized the grant program is designed for communities that are not served or are under-served by transit, and can be used to develop new systems, with an emphasis on improving mobility for the entire community, including those with transportation barriers, seniors, people with disabilities, youth and individuals with low incomes.

The program offers funding of up to \$500,000 over five years, however, a caveat is that it is a five-year commitment.

County planner Charley White told

councillors that if council decided after a few years a system was unsustainable and decided to pull out of the arrangement, it was possible that some or all funds received from the province would have to be paid back.

With municipal elections taking place this October, a five-year commitment would also mean that council was committing not just the next county council, but also the council after that, to the project.

"I need to see an implementation plan," said Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts. "I'm just worried about committing future councils."

"We have to acknowledge this whole project is fraught with various risks," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. Moffatt said she did see the grant program as an opportunity, but noted the county would be taking a risk with the five-year commitment.

"I see it as hedging our bets," Moffatt said.

Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey, who emphasized he was not against the project, noted the county would be responsible for administration of the service, something likely not possible with its current staff level. With vehicles, gas and drivers, he said he believed a booked, shared ride service would end up costing more than the \$192,000 that had been estimated in the task force's business case.

The grant application deadline is also fast approaching, at the end of February.

Chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said it was staff's opinion the more financially prudent option for council would be to use gas tax funding to help finance whatever transportation system is eventually created. That way, Rutter said, there would not be a specific time commitment, and council could abandon a financially unsustainable program at any time.

Moffatt and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin acknowledged the decision would likely draw criticism from some members of the public.

"I think we're sincerely committed to this, and we're going to do something," Devolin said. The county will not submit a grant application and will continue with the creation of its implementation plan.

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Students feel sense of belonging, some struggle with anxiety, survey says

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

A climate survey used to gauge where there might be strengths or a need for improvement throughout the school district showed that a quarter of the students in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) who anonymously completed the online survey late last year are dealing with anxiety and depression and that not all students feel safe at school as a result of moderate to severe bullying.

Survey responses also showed that a high number of students feel a sense of belonging, that they have positive relationships, and that there are high academic expectations, according to a summary presented by Katherine MacIver, superintendent of learning, at a Jan. 23 TLDSB board meeting.

The Ministry of Education requires the survey to be conducted with elementary and high school students as well as parents, guardians and the school community once every two years.

The focus of this year's survey, available from Nov. 20 to Dec. 1 last year, was on student engagement, bullying, safety, and emotional and physical well-being; measures chosen in consultation with the TLDSB Safe and Accepting schools committee.

"We purposefully chose anxiety because we wanted to know about kids' anxiety levels," MacIver told the *Echo*. "We seem to be talking about it a lot but we wanted to hear about it from the kids."

To gauge students' anxiety level, students answered a series of statements including, "I worry about what other students think about me," "I'm fearful and nervous," "I worry about a teacher asking me a question" and "I'm afraid that other students will think I'm stupid," with a yes/no response.

"Was it a surprise? I'm going to say no," said MacIver. "We talk a lot about kids feeling anxious. I think it certainly draws our attention to the fact that we're sitting at 25 per cent and it begs the question, what are things we can put in place to help students feel less anxious? And also begs the question, are we helping kids to understand anxiety, and when does good stress become bad stress and what are the strategies that we need to put in place to try and support students or help students support themselves when they're headed into the bad stress part of the continuum?"

To assess the feeling of safety at school for students, they were asked questions including, in the past four weeks, had they been in a physical fight, stayed home from school because they felt unsafe, heard a student threaten another student or had something stolen at school.

In response, 56 per cent of elementary students and 60 per cent of secondary students reported feeling safe.

Questions asked about physical, social, verbal and cyber bullying resulted in 44 per cent of Grade 5 males reporting they felt they had been bullied or excluded at school, a number that declined as the survey respondents got older, with about 26 per cent feeling the same in Grade 8. Bullying incidents were reported to often happen in school hallways.

Schools are implementing a "We Asked, You Said,

Now What?" program to further the discussion, led by students, about the survey results.

Facilitators sought feedback on the survey results from students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and Haliburton Alternate Education and Training Centre upon their arrival back to school after the winter break during the week of Jan. 8.

"[Students] gave suggestions, everything from dress code... to staff being really caring, who some of the key people in the building were for kids to approach for support, to talking to what's available in the community for them, to extra-curriculars," said MacIver. "They're actually going back to the students to ask, what can we do differently that would help reduce that anxiety?"

She said schools were using the survey feedback to look at how kids were being taught pathways to care – understanding the role of the guidance department and student services and how to access mental health organizations, as well as the explicitness in teaching skills and strategies, and looking at restorative practices and the ability to build community.

TLDSB will also develop a well-being profile, expand the bullying and reporting tool, encourage the use of the Mind-Up curriculum and offer mental health first aid training for students according to a summary of the presentation made at the board meeting.

MacIver noted schools were also looking at things like peer support models and mediation to put in place to help other students help their peers, who were generally who students turned to when in need.

"So that when a friend goes to a friend, that friend knows what to say and how to help," she said.

In total the survey, led by an external partner, received 8,863 responses: 4,241 from Grades 4 to 8 students, 3,307 from students in Grades 9 to 12, and 1,315 responses from parents, guardians and the community – the latter which MacIver said was a disappointing number given there are 15,000 TLDSB students, but was double the response compared to the last time the survey was held, in spring 2015.

"Our focus is always on communication, how well are we communicating with our parents and families about what's happening at school," she said. "We're certainly looking at how we're communicating, and when."

Schools were able to customize the survey by adding an open-ended question, with some asking what students liked best about the school, or what one thing they would change if given the opportunity.

"Our schools have met this with a lot of interest and a lot of wanting to dig in of what's next," said MacIver. "I'm amazed at how many of our schools are saying, ask the kids, we have to ask the kids. That's exactly where we want them to go next – ask the kids."

School staff are invited to share input in a similar survey this spring.

Individual TLDSB schools received access to survey results and will share and discuss the results with Safe Schools teams and their school council.

"We're listening," said MacIver. "That's the key message."

HHSS opens doors to parents for conversation

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Parents and guardians of high school students in Haliburton County are being invited to a Parent Forum with Larry Hope, Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) director of education.

The open forum discussions, being held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, are scheduled for Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., or 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"These are open forums, where parents are welcome to discuss any matters they feel are important in education within TLDSB today," said Laura Blaker, TLDSB communications officer. "It is a free-flowing, transparent discussion session with a focus on embrace learning, our strategic direction and the pillars within that."

The Embrace Learning multi-year strategic plan for 2016-2021 pillars are stated as "innovation and collaboration for all, supporting the well-being of all, and valuing the strength of everyone's voice."

"TLDSB values open and transparent conversation from stakeholders," said Blaker. "Larry is initiating these [open forum discussions] – he's always willing to listen and engage directly with parents."

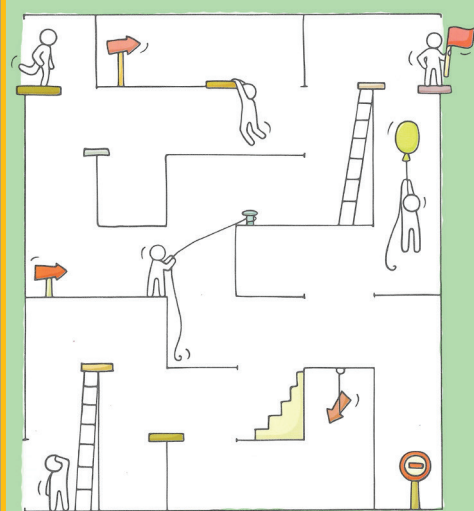
This March, Hope will hold student forums with HHSS students from a cross section of grades and pathways from the school.

Parents and guardians planning on attending the session must register in advance at <http://bit.ly/parentforums>.



Danielsen named deputy warden

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen is sworn in as deputy warden of Haliburton County during a Jan. 24 council meeting as staff look on. Deputy warden is a newly created position on council. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



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Embracing wet weather

DURING ANY type of event, something can and likely will go wrong – ask any newly married couple what went wrong at their wedding and there will have been something that sticks in the minds of those who spent the time planning for it to be just so. But it's how you handle the unexpected that matters.

Last weekend mild weather almost put a damper on two major events that went on despite the lack of much white stuff.

Organizers of the Hardwater Festival were watching the sky for rain but enthusiastic vendors all came out and set up despite less than ideal weather conditions for an event celebrating what some might call less than ideal weather conditions. Bonus – the ice on Pine Lake was safe enough – organizers checked thoroughly – to kicksled and learn about ice fishing without worrying about frostbite.

When John Teljeur, organizer of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships that turns the pond at the Pinestone into a picturesque symbol of hockey pride, had to break it to team captains that after much deliberation and attempts to save it, the second day of the two-day event had to be cut short because of mild weather wreaking havoc on weeks of work on the pond's rinks, he gathered them together and handed each person in the room a can of beer before the discussion.

The crowd, beverage of peace or not, took the news well. Most had played three of their four games, and many hadn't been doing well enough to be play-off contenders anyway – but all accepted the news that they wouldn't get as much playing time and would have to wake up earlier

and stay later than they had planned the next day with grace. In part, it might have been because they could look around the room and see the volunteers who were putting great effort into rearranging schedules, and because the Pinestone staff quickly offered late check-out.

Planning an event means taking all kinds of risks that can lead to sleepless nights – putting yourself and your ideas out there, depending on others within your team and also to show up as participants, diligently anticipating potential hazards – even more so

when one has a financial investment in a positive outcome.

Planning an event that depends on the weather during a season and in a time when we simply cannot depend on the weather is significantly more perilous and not for the weak of heart. But without those people, organizations and groups and the support of municipalities who are willing to bell the cat, our county would miss out on having the oppor-

tunity to get out of the house and be together in some of the darkest days when hibernation can lead to isolation and depression, and also to showcase how beautiful and fun and uplifting this season can be.

Kudos to those who plan with passion, pausing only to check weather forecasts dozens of times a day, to help residents and guests embrace winter here in our Highlands.

A special shout out as well to the organizers of the Robbie Burns night celebration held at the Legion. The variety in the program came second only to the enthusiasm of the crowd that calmed the nervous energy of the tiny dancers during their delightful Highland Fling. It's an exceptionally fun night and worth taking in, even if you don't particularly enjoy haggis.



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Editorial



Frozen illumination

by Darren Lum

Unconditional love

AS OUR KITTY, Luna, stood on me and gently tapped me three times on the forehead, then three times on the cheek and finally three times on my shoulder to wake me up, I decided it was time I wrote about her again.

She has been with us for exactly one year this month.

And what a year it has been.

She has made her way into each of our hearts and we couldn't imagine our life without her now.

We have our golden retriever Bella, who is 12 this year, and who is loyal, predictable and spoiled and such a great companion. We had no idea how she would respond to the cat, or how they would get along.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Embracing wet weather

DURING ANY type of event, something can and likely will go wrong – ask any newly married couple what went wrong at their wedding and there will have been something that sticks in the minds of those who spent the time planning for it to be just so. But it's how you handle the unexpected that matters.

Last weekend mild weather almost put a damper on two major events that went on despite the lack of much white stuff.

Organizers of the Hardwater Festival were watching the sky for rain but enthusiastic vendors all came out and set up despite less than ideal weather conditions for an event celebrating what some might call less than ideal weather conditions. Bonus – the ice on Pine Lake was safe enough – organizers checked thoroughly – to kicksled and learn about ice fishing without worrying about frostbite.

When John Teljeur, organizer of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships that turns the pond at the Pinestone into a picturesque symbol of hockey pride, had to break it to team captains that after much deliberation and attempts to save it, the second day of the two-day event had to be cut short because of mild weather wreaking havoc on weeks of work on the pond's rinks, he gathered them together.

The crowd took the news well. Most had played three of their four games, and many hadn't been doing well enough to be play-off contenders anyway – but all accepted the news that they wouldn't get as much playing time and would have to wake up earlier and stay later than they had planned the next day with grace. In

part, it might have been because they could look around the room and see the volunteers who were putting great effort into rearranging schedules, and because the Pinestone staff quickly offered late check-out.

Planning an event means taking all kinds of risks that can lead to sleepless nights – putting yourself and your ideas out there, depending on others within your team and also to show up as participants, diligently anticipating potential hazards – even more so when one has a financial investment in a positive outcome.

Planning an event that depends on the weather during a season and in a time when we simply cannot depend on the weather is significantly more perilous and not for the weak of heart. But without those people, organizations and groups and the support of municipalities who are willing to bell the cat, our county would miss out on having the opportunity to get out of the house and be together in some of the

darkest days when hibernation can lead to isolation and depression, and also to showcase how beautiful and fun and uplifting this season can be.

Kudos to those who plan with passion, pausing only to check weather forecasts dozens of times a day, to help residents and guests embrace winter here in our Highlands.

A special shout out as well to the organizers of the Robbie Burns night celebration held at the Legion. The variety in the program came second only to the enthusiasm of the crowd that calmed the nervous energy of the tiny dancers during their delightful Highland Fling. It's an exceptionally fun night and worth taking in, even if you don't particularly enjoy haggis.



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Editorial



Frozen illumination

by Darren Lum

Unconditional love

AS OUR KITTY, Luna, stood on me and gently tapped me three times on the forehead, then three times on the cheek and finally three times on my shoulder to wake me up, I decided it was time I wrote about her again.

She has been with us for exactly one year this month.

And what a year it has been.

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Fun with squirrels

ONE OF THE greatest things about mankind – I think you will agree – is our propensity not just to survive and prosper, but to turn thoughts and dreams into reality. This is the singular thing that sets us apart from all other life forms on our planet. It is arguably our greatest gift to the universe.

No creature but a human could or would create a delicate poem, a monumental piece of literature, a classic piece of architecture, an intricate work of art or a waterskiing squirrel.

Admittedly, there are snobs who would tell you that one of those things obviously does not belong on that list of high-brow culture. I happen to like poetry, however, so I made sure to include it.

If there is one sad part, it is that the waterskiing squirrel is a product of southern U.S. culture – arguably, one of their greatest achievements. Here in the north, we have yet to contribute to civilization in this sort of meaningful way.

Lucky for future generations, I am working on a plan to change all that.

That's why as of today, I have started down the long road toward creating something that will go down in history as one of humanity's most treasured accomplishments. I am talking about a timeless masterpiece that encapsulates what lies at the very heart of what it is to be human.

That's right; if all goes well, I will soon be able to share video of the world's first snowboarding squirrel – something that I hope will secure, once and for all, Haliburton's reputation as the world's premier squirrel-based winter tourism destination.

Like all great plans, mine was inspired by a natural event.

You see, this morning, I accidentally spilled bird seed on the steep icy slope at the side of my house – which I only discovered was a steep icy slope seconds before spilling the bird seed.

Almost immediately, two eastern gray squirrels and a red squirrel found the food. They have begun visiting frequently ever since.

As a result, I saw an opportunity and have decided to continue this for a couple of days to lull them into a false sense of security.

Here's the genius part. On day three, I will place the bird seed on a glue board taped to a precariously placed snowboard, which will be pointed straight downhill. When one or more of the squirrels jumps on the glue board to get the seed, they will make history and, if all goes well, I will have video of the world's first snowboarding squirrel.

It's ambitious, I know.

Don't worry; the safety of the animal is foremost in my mind.

That's why I will only make a small ramp at the base of the run so the squirrel doesn't get terrified by too much air time. And, if he or she should land in the live trap, as I hope, I'll then dress him up in a little Barbie or Ken ski suit and try to attach the goggles and tiny helmet so that the next run is safer and less likely to draw the ire of animal rights groups.

After all, I'm not crazy.

I expect the first few runs will be short ones. If my YouTube research is correct, you can't expect too much from new snowboarders. But, as the squirrels slowly gain confidence and learn how to carve snow properly and do 180s, I'll create a larger ramp so they can enjoy some real air time and learn enough tricks to make them competitive on social media.

The point here is that we are on the verge of something big. And, after that, no one will look at that waterskiing squirrel without thinking our own snowboarding squirrel is so much better.

And if that gets boring, we have another ace up our sleeve. Don't forget, we have high bluffs, GoPro cameras, and flying squirrels too.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past was submitted by John Jamieson of students at the Highland Grove South School. The photo is marked circa 1953-54. Students corresponding with numbers on the photo: 1. Alvin Peters, 2. Arthur Cooney, 3. Ross Covert, 4. Jim Ayotte, 5. Ron Hogan, 6. Marion Watson, 7. Helen Lewis, 8. Elsie Allen, 9. Cheryl Condon, 10. Tommy Condon, 11. Dave Ayotte, 12. Floyd Peel, 13. Allan Watson, 14. Loretta Ayotte, 15. June Foster, 16. Arlene Condon, 17. Allan Andrews, 18. Bonnie Hughey, 19. Harold Pacey, 20. Doreen Ayotte, 21. Ron Walker, 22. Tris Ogilvie, 23. Edna Ayotte, 24. Mrs. Ogilvie, 25. Arnold Cooney, 26. John Condon.

letters to the editor

Stray cats are a people problem

To the Editor,

Re: "Feed company plans move, says they'll stay in business," Haliburton Echo, Jan. 16, 2018

[Despite news that the Great Haliburton Feed Company is remaining open,] there is the looming issue that individuals and animal welfare groups who operate only on good will, or public donations, should not be required to deal with the current flood of kittens and stray or feral cats.

Especially since we pay various levels of government over 50 per cent of our incomes, and this problem is created by taxpayers that some levels of government should have been reining in years ago!

Kittens, stray or feral cats are not delivered by storks, they are created by people who don't spay and neuter their pets, and should never have had animals in the first place.

Around here they have taken to dumping kittens out on the side of the road, and leaving cats in garbage bags in the middle of the road.

Since you can't fix stupid, it is time the ownership of cats is regulated by local

municipalities.

Progressive jurisdictions, such as Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, Sudbury, Georgina, Guelph, Highlands East and Peterborough, to name a few, have begun to attempt to deal with the problem, and it is time the rest of the country caught up.

The City of Kawartha Lakes can't find anything constructive to do so passed a vague bylaw forbidding the feeding of ferals by individuals. Wish them luck with that moronic law!

There is no excuse for anyone to not have their animals spayed or neutered, and no reason someone else should have to deal with their stupidity.

The people dropping these hapless animals like so much garbage need to be identified, and charged.

The local municipalities not currently dealing with the problem need to get off their collective duffs and do something!

Keith W. Stata
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Arts council accelerates into 2018

JENN WATT

Editor

In the ebb and flow of the 15-year history of the arts council, the organization is in the midst of “an incredible flow” said Jim Blake at this year’s annual general meeting Wednesday evening.

Blake has been active with the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands since the beginning and he told the group of members assembled at the Haliburton Highlands Museum that he was impressed with the accomplishments of the arts council and how they are working toward the betterment of the membership.

Over the last year, the arts council has been more publicly active than usual. To mark the municipality of Dysart et al’s sesquicentennial, it created the DysART 150 Trail, featuring 10 artists in nine local venues plus other permanent works such as the murals on the arena. To guide visitors to the art, the PocketSights app was used with photos, descriptions and video. The tour was available from June 26 to Oct. 10 and benefited from funding from the county’s tourism department and Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Fashion Fallies, a wearable art show previously held at the Art Hive, was resurrected on behalf of the arts council on Nov. 10. The sold-out event was popular and ended up bringing in \$1,000 when organizers had planned to break even.

“VAAR, the Visual Artists and Artisans Roundtable, ... held an event in May to create interest and provide information to the community about what a wearable art event actually was,” said Erin Lynch, vice-chair of the arts council and a key organizer of Fashion Fallies. The library also held sessions where people could create work for the event.

“Besides a fashion show with over 50 entries, the event also spotlighted a number of other elements of the arts with live music, spoken word and dance,” she said.

Three groups co-ordinated by the arts council also worked to support the local arts community; the previously mentioned VAAR, the Literary Arts Roundtable (LAR) and the Performing Arts Roundtable (PAR) each worked to brainstorm how to better support artists.

Renee Woltz, treasurer of the arts council, gave a presentation on the Literary Arts Roundtable.

She said the first meeting of the group in September brought out a host of recommendations including a need for performance artists to read local writers’ works,



You could smell the popcorn from your seat as Rosanna Dewey's dress and accessories, called Corn Couture, was presented on this model during Fashion Fallies on Nov. 10. Fashion Fallies was a sold-out event, which raised \$1,000 for the arts council./JENN WATT Staff

illustrators needed for books, affordable courses and workshops, the need for feedback and a space to work, among other things.

“One of the ideas was to have a writer in residence,” Woltz said. A proposal is underway for funding to have such a program in 2018.

“Another interesting project is the idea of creating a program on Canoe FM where local performers can read the work of local writers,” she said. Work on that will begin this spring.

Other ideas included a literary festival, a flash fiction contest, putting together a collection of writers’ work and a creative writers’ registry.

The Performing Arts Roundtable, which includes theatre, music, storytelling and others, had a couple of meetings over the last year. They’ve worked on what venues are available with the hope of creating a database of spaces not only for performances, but also for rehearsals.

They’ve also worked on a new calendar initiative. Called OurCalendar.ca, the idea is to have one central calendar for all events in Haliburton County.

“As we all know, this is a very, very busy community,” said arts council chair Kate Butler. “Whenever you try to put something on, whether it’s arts related or any

other community event, you find there’s six other things happening at the exact same time.” This online calendar would allow everyone to put their events into the same space. It would then be shared with any other organizations that post events online.

“The hope is we’ll be able to create one community calendar, one spot where you can feed in information and populate other calendars,” she said.

Butler said if the calendar proves useful in Haliburton County, it could be offered to outside communities as a solution to what is likely a problem elsewhere. She anticipated this would happen through SPARC, which stands for Supporting Performing Arts in Rural and Remote Communities, and is another of the arts council’s recent success stories.

SPARC is in its second year of a three-year project, which started in Haliburton, but is now a provincial initiative to bring together those in the performing arts to collaborate and share. “Our goal is to create an online digital network across Ontario for people in the performing arts,” past chair Chris Lynd said. “Our goal is to reach the people who produce and create and are the animators in the communities ... we want everybody talking and sharing ideas with each other.”

The three-year project is supported through a \$530,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. In the midst of the project, SPARC’s co-ordinator Greg Thomas had to leave the organization when he determined that injuries from an accident prohibited him from continuing.

Lynd said the organization wished him the best.

Rebecca Ballarin has been hired to the position.

“She is doing an amazing job for us,” Lynd said.

A second staff was hired on a part-time basis as the northern representative: Chandel Gambles.

“One of our challenges has been to reach out to truly northern organizations in the province,” Lynd said.

Director Laurie O’Reilly briefed the membership on a juried art show coming up called Brush In Hand. Carole Finn has offered her gallery space in Minden for the show, which is planned for May. The jurors are being brought from outside the community and there will be a special category for emerging artists. March 26 is the entry deadline and more information is on the arts council website.

And collaboration between the arts council and the Rails End Gallery hit its stride in 2017, Laurie Jones, curator of the gallery and a director on the arts council, told the group. The Art Lovers Staycation planned for the end of February has sold out. Among the workshops offered are line dancing, flash fiction, travel journals and finger painting for adults.

A longtime program of the arts council, Artists in the Schools, continued last year. Local artists visit local elementary schools to put on workshops, introducing young people to various media and providing the artists with an honorarium. Two major donors to the program were noted: Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association, which holds Art on the Dock each year to raise money, and Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

The arts council is doing a survey to gauge what the community wants from its arts council. You can find it until early March on the arts council’s website: www.haliburton-arts.on.ca.

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Salsa and snow, don'tcha know

SO THERE we were the whole gang of us: Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yuccch, her significant squeeze, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Twindle Mumbly, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes and 'ol Maybelle sitting in my front room conjuring up ways to teleport ourselves to warm, sunny climes. We had to do something. The freezing temperatures in Lake Whaddayathinklmean were making us blue. And I look lousy in blue.

"I don't care much for walking half a block to my mailbox and my fingertips going all numb," Twindle said, warming his hands by the fire, "especially when I'm wearing thick fleece lined gloves the size of bears' paws."

Bogart, my pet bear, flashed Twindle an uncharacteristically unfriendly look, then turned on his thought/voice synthesizer cap perched on top of his head so that we could all hear what he was thinking. "Humans!" he huffed.

"I've got it!" Beanpole said. "Salsa!" Then he said it again, "SALSA!"

"Salsa?" Sybil said in her thick upper crust British accent. "Salsa WHAT? Salsa dancing? Salsa and chips?"

"Just salsa! That's where we start. Just think: salsa!" "What's he been smoking?" Sybil quipped.

"I don't think of salsa," Vilma said in her little girl voice. "Do I, Stanley?" she said, turning her big baby blues on her significant smother, Officer McB.

There was something about the way Vilma looked at him that always turned the big hulk into butter.

"No, Vilma, you don't think of salsa ... unless you tell me you think of salsa ... and then, you do think of salsa. Whatever you want to think or not think about salsa or anything else is just fine with me."

"Oh brother," I moaned, then quickly covered with, "Salsa. OK, I'll play. Well, when I think of salsa I think

of sunshine and mariachi music."

"Yes!" Sybil chirped; then sang: "South of the border, down Mexico way."

"Or, Hawaii-way," said Twindle. "I ate salsa made with passion fruit from Hawaii, and I thought I had died and gone to heaven."

"How about you, Big Guy?" Beanpole asked Officer McB.

"Whatever Vilma wants."

All eyes glared at him.

"OK," he said. "I, uh ... when I think of salsa I think ... hot sun, swimming, jumping off a diving board and grabbing the waistband of my swim suit so it doesn't fall off again."

"It fell off?" Beanpole grinned.

Vilma's eyes shined. "Oh, I think I like salsa better than snow."

"Snow?" I said.

"Yes," Vilma said all breathy-like. "It makes me feel warm all over."

"Marilyn Monroe couldn't have said it better herself," Sybil quipped, rolling her eyes.

"Ohhh, Vilma," Officer McB gushed.

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

"You see?" Beanpole said. "Whatever we focus on is how we're going to feel."

"I get it," Sybil said. "Since we all like the way thinking about salsa makes us feel, there must be something we can do to make that feeling last longer."

The room went silent.

"I've got it!" Twindle said. "We could eat salsa very slowly."

"We could play 'Margaritaville' over and over and, uh ... over?" Officer McB said.

Then, a cacophony of suggestions rang out.

"Shake maracas 'til dawn?"

"Do the Salsa 'til our heels break?"

"Wear a sombrero over our tuques."

Well, if that evening didn't lead to the planning of a big 'ol community Salsa and Snow South of the Border theme party, featuring our very own Lake Whaddayathinklmean volunteer mariachi band.

And to think it all began one freezing cold night sitting with friends in front of a glowing fire in my living room, dreaming up ways to spice up the winter right here in our own backyard.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com



Birchy Lake cottager Tess Duke of Texas sent in this photo she captured while visiting Haliburton over the Christmas break. Duke is a wellness instructor and says photography is a hobby for her. "Our time up north is always so enjoyable, from the friends we have up here to the dancing that we do," she wrote in an email to the Echo. "The beauty and the events that the area provides are just such a breath of fresh air to us!"

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Flu season puts pressure on hospitals

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 25 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

A chain reaction starting with flu outbreaks at nursing homes in the wider region has ended up putting pressure on HHHS facilities.

When there's an outbreak at a long-term care home, no new residents are admitted during that time, which often means hospitals have to provide beds for those residents while they wait.

"This has reduced the number of available beds for patients requiring hospital admission, which has led to admitted patients having to wait in emergency departments, including here at HHHS," CEO Carolyn Plummer's report to the board states.

Additional staff, equipment and supplies have been brought in to assist with influx.

"It's never any fun to be a patient on a stretcher in emerg, but to have to be admitted to hospital and not be able to leave that stretcher is just not ideal at all," she said. "It'll be great when the flu season's over with."

Bone mineral densitometry now available

Donations gathered through the efforts of the HHHS Foundation allowed for the purchase of a new machine that can measure bone density, assisting in the diagnosis and monitoring of osteoporosis.

The equipment cost \$175,000 and is located in Minden. Patients can be referred to the service through their doctor.

"The availability of [bone mineral densitometry] in Haliburton County means that individuals requiring this test no longer need to travel out of town," Plummer's report reads.

HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins pointed out that the money was raised from the community at the same time as the Making Moments Matter campaign for the palliative centre.

"The funding and fundraising that paid for this happened in tandem with the major capital campaign for the palliative centre. This was a significant piece of equipment. It just demonstrates the generosity of the donors in this community," she said.

Tompkins noted the Christmas campaign brought in \$124,000 for HHHS and that would be directed to priority projects including a portable ultrasound machine.

Grant funding

Finance committee chair David Gray told the board that grant dollars in the last year were particularly impressive with a total of \$819,536 coming in to improve infrastructure.

Plummer's report to the board stated that more than \$500,000 had been approved by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for energy efficiency upgrades including the lighting system and distribution system.

Other work done included repairing the hospital roof, paving the parking lot and walkways at Community Support Services and replacing the roof at the GAIN building in Minden.

Local production of Meals on Wheels

A pilot project to test out whether meals could be produced locally to be distributed in the Meals on Wheels program returned positive results. Produced by SIRCH Community Services and funded by Haliburton County Development Corporation, about 3,000 of the service's most popular entrees were produced.

"It was a very successful pilot and it was a great opportunity to look at the possibility of creating more jobs locally and making those meal entrees locally as opposed to bringing them in from outside of the region," Plummer said during the board meeting.

"Now we're in the process of looking at where we can get funding or how we can get funding and where we can find space – because we need both – for more freezers and bigger freezers," she said.

Although the pilot involved 3,000 meals, during a year, the demand would be something close to 17,000. However, if all parties are able to make it happen, it would likely lead to between one and two local jobs.

Plummer noted the Central East LHIN was pleased with the results of the pilot.

Hike for Hospice returning May 6

During the board meeting, Tompkins announced that Hike For Hospice would be returning to the Highlands as a fundraiser for hospice and palliative care services.

Over the last few years, there has been shuffling of responsibility for hospice services, which were previously provided by SIRCH. In the midst of the change over, Hike For Hospice fell off the calendar.

But it's coming back.

Hike for Hospice is a national campaign raising awareness and money, Tompkins said.

Money raised will go to local services.

"It's an opportunity to continue to build awareness for the important work that's being done by staff and volunteers in the areas of hospice and palliative [care] and

of course it's an opportunity for the community to celebrate the lives of their loved ones," she said in the meeting.

The event will take place Sunday, May 6 in Haliburton.

Keep an eye on local media and hhhs.ca/foundation for more information.

New doctor in town

Chief of staff Dr. Kristy Gammon told the board that a new doctor had joined the community. Dr. Devon Tilbrook is working at the Family Medical Centre and also at HHHS. She started in January and has moved to the Highlands.

McKecks delivers meals at Christmas

Much to the surprise of staff and patients, McKecks Tap and Grill in Haliburton arrived at the Haliburton hospital and long-term care unit with turkey dinners, pies and goodies for everyone – patients, staff, residents and their families – on Christmas Day.

CEO Carolyn Plummer thanked the restaurant for their generosity, calling it "extraordinary."

"It just goes to show what kind of community we live in," she said.

Paramedicine program filling the gaps

The new Community Paramedicine Program has been running smoothly with 57 patients enrolled in the two months since it began and positive feedback. The partnership between the Haliburton County Paramedic Service and HHHS has a dedicated paramedic conduct wellness checks on seniors who would be challenged to drive to the hospital for medical attention, or those in isolated areas.

"It fills a real gap in services for our rural population," Plummer's report reads. "The scope of the program is expanding steadily, with other paramedics and health service providers identifying clients who are at-risk in the community."

HE taxes likely going up

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Highlands East residents can likely expect a 2.44 per cent property tax increase this year.

Councillors reviewed departmental draft budgets at a special meeting held on Jan. 17, and expect to pass the budget at an upcoming meeting in March. The tax increase is similar to that of 2017. The levy is sitting at \$5.5 million. Staff wages and

benefits are seeing a 1.75 per cent increase.

"I'm extremely pleased how the budget came out and all the work we had to do this year," said Mayor Dave Burton. "I'm just so pleased. Staff have worked very hard to put the budget together."

Major projects this year include road work in Cardiff and on Contau Lake Road, the purchase of a new tandem truck for the roads department and fire truck, a sewage lagoon capacity report, and the hiring of a deputy chief building official.

"We put together a budget that is very good for our people," said Burton.

Assignment court in August for Savage

Preparations continue to be underway for William Savage's October trial.

A judicial pre-trial that took place this past Dec. 11 and continued on Jan. 4 in Newmarket has been adjourned until assignment court in Peterborough on Aug. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Savage, from Fenelon Falls, was charged with first-degree murder on Oct. 26, 2016, in connection with the death of David Palmer, a 47-year-old man whose remains were found in the Haliburton area in May, 2015.

"...[A]n assignment court is typically the first appearance court for matters committed for trial in the Superior Court of Jus-

tice," said Ministry of the Attorney General spokesperson Emilie Smith. "Depending on the jurisdiction, subsequent set date appearances may also be heard in assignment court."

Pre-trial motions are scheduled for Sept. 10 at 9:30 in Lindsay, with Savage's trial slated for Oct. 22, 2018.

At the time of the arrest, OPP confirmed that Savage and Palmer were known to each other. Palmer was last seen on Oct. 2, 2015 outside of Pontypool and his vehicle was found on Oct. 14 near Spruce Lake Trail.

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Haggis, Highland Fling and Humour at Robbie Burns night

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Revellers filled the Haliburton Legion to celebrate the annual Robbie Burns Night with odes to Scotland and the famous bard on Jan. 27.

Guests were cheerfully out of their seats often with a Grand March and Scottish country dancing opportunities but also enthusiastically participated from their seats with great rounds of applause

and cheering for the Mansfield School of Highland Dance dancers, especially those engaging in a Highland Fling and dance instructor Breanne Mansfield who stepped in for a reel herself.

Members of the St. George's Church choir filled the room with song before the march in of the haggis, addressed by Jim Thompson, transported by Emily Stonehouse, and piped in by Cameron Ferguson. Auld Lang Syne was sung at least once. The evening was presented by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums.



The crowd stood for a rendition of the Scottish national anthem at the annual Robbie Burns night celebration held at the Haliburton Legion on the evening of Jan. 27. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Pipe major Andrew Mansfield of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, who presented the evening, was kept busy piping for the Mansfield School of Highland Dance throughout the evening.

Guests to Robbie Burns night joined hands to walk in the Grand March that opened the evening.



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Volunteers took a break for a very cold refreshment at the ice bar set up on the Pinestone's pond on Jan. 27. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Tammy Nash sent in this shot of pond hockey action between the Trailer Park Boys and the Sharks.



Volunteers worked for weeks preparing the rinks on the pond at the Pinestone for the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships but mild weather caused a buildup of water on the ice despite their clearing efforts over the weekend.



Pond hockey players adapt to wet weather
The Gary Busey Express, a team playing in the Men's Rec 25+ group at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, were in good spirits.



Visting team Here For the Beer, part of the Women's Open 19+ group said that after losing their games, they were indeed here for the beer.



Just before a few remaining games and the playoffs of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships were postponed, players on the Kanata Ice Sloths team found a space on the Pinestone deck to practice a few skills.

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Girls tournament at JDHES

Jaguars intermediate girls player Emmerson Wilson, left, watches as her teammate Leah Gallant readies to bump a serve during the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament held on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. The tournament boasted an eight-school field, including JDHES, Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Woodville Elementary School, Ridgewood Public School, Leslie Frost Public School, Jack Callaghan Public School, Fenelon Township Public School and Lady Mackenzie Public School./DAREN LUM Staff




Jaguars player Bella Smolen readies under a ball for a volley, as teammate Kiera Casey looks on.



Jaguars player Kiera Casey serves in a round-robin game.




Jaguars player RYANNE HORSLEY looks to dig the ball off the net, as her teammate Kristina Barry looks on during the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament.



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Haliburton Curling Club's Peter Byer, left, sweeps with Andy Glecoff while Eric Hussey stands at the edge of the house at the 59th annual men's Skyline Bonspiel held from Friday, Jan. 19 to Sunday, Jan. 21 at the local club in Haliburton. There were 22 teams and 90 curlers who competed in the event, which draws teams locally and from the Greater Toronto Area. This year's A event winner (sponsored by Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC) was the Haliburton Curling Club's rink of Mitch Stephen, Russ Duhaime, Tyler Warham and Dustyn McCready-DeBruin./DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton Curling Club's Peter Byer, left, works with teammate Dave Connell while Andy Glecoff gives direction.

Haliburton rink shines at Skyline

The 59th annual men's Skyline Bonspiel was held from Friday, Jan. 19 to Sunday, Jan. 21 at the Haliburton Curling Club.

Twenty-two teams and 90 curlers travelled from all over the GTA to participate in this great bonspiel. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and told the convenors they would be back next year.

First place in the A Event, sponsored by Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC, was the team from the Haliburton Curling Club skipped by Mitch Stephen, vice, Russ Duhaime, second, Tyler Warham, and lead Dustyn McCready-DeBruin. Runners up in the A event was the team from High Park skipped by Matt Glandfield, vice, Peter Chafe, second, Paul Simmonds, lead, Mike Berwick/Scott

Haskill.

First place in the B event sponsored by Haliburton TimbrMart was the team from Oshawa skipped by Brian Trigg, vice, Steve Park, second, John Parker, lead, Larry Debrouwer. The runner-up in the B Event was the team from London Highland skipped by Doug Glass, vice, Rick Lauzon, second, John Bain and lead, Wayne Goldstein. First place in the C event sponsored by Walkers Home Hardware was another team from Haliburton skipped by Dave Moss/Darrell O'Neill, vice, Don Hillaby, second, Rick Ashall, lead, Fred Jansma. The runner-up in the C event was the team from Oshawa skipped by Rod Evans, vice, Mike Sarmatiak, second, Will Bridle and lead Brad Greentree.

First place in the D Event sponsored by Dawson Insurance was the Colliver team of brothers and sons. Steve Colliver was the skip, vice, Brent Colliver, second, Chris Colliver and lead, Jesse Colliver.

Runner up in the D Event was the team from Niagara Falls skipped by Brian Moore, vice, Bill Lambe, second, Mark Gienow, lead, Randy Downey.

The convenors, Kent Milford, Dave Moss, Don Wetmore, Steve Colliver and Russ Duhaime would sincerely like to thank all the sponsors, the volunteers from the club that helped throughout the weekend, and all the participants.

-Submitted by Mary Hillaby

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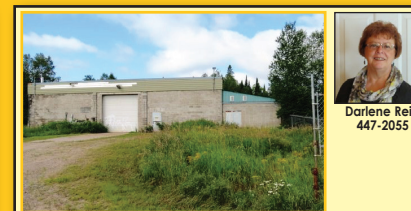
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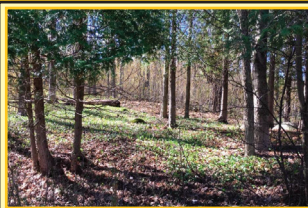


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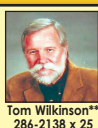
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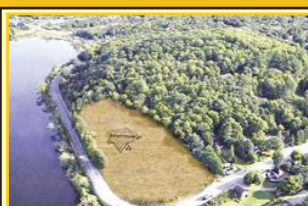


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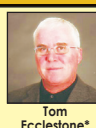
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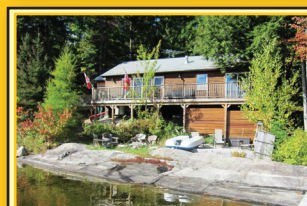
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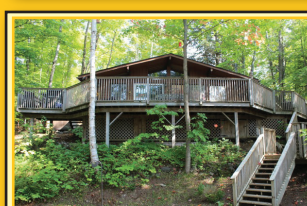


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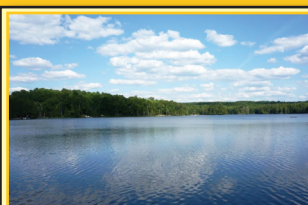
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Domerchie ‘a great addition’ to boys’ team

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When senior high school student Emily Domerchie is on the basketball court a calm comes over her and her worries disappear.

Over the last few years, she’s tackled several challenges, from complications in transferring credits to playing in basketball-crazy Racine, Wisconsin on the Prairie School Hawks team.



Red Hawks shooting guard Emily Domerchie appreciates the support she has received since moving to Haliburton and joining the varsity basketball team as the only girl. Domerchie, who is one of two girls playing in the Kawartha Boys’ Basketball League this season, played the past two seasons for the Prairie School Hawks varsity girls team in Racine, Wisconsin. /DARREN LUM Staff

One of her latest challenges was moving to the Highlands, more than 1,000 kilometres from Racine, where she lived for nearly two years.

Now she’s tackling another one.

Domerchie is the lone girl on the Red Hawks boys’ basketball team.

There has been nothing but support for the five-foot-seven shooting guard.

Hawks coach Paul Longo said Domerchie is “a great addition to not only the team, but the school,” noting she is strong in athletics and academics.

“It’s worked out. She’s a very, very talented player and fits right in to the boys’ game without any issues at all. She’s aggressive. She doesn’t shy away from any of the physical stuff and she has a very high basketball IQ. She’s been playing since she was five or six years old,” he said.

Domerchie has led by example. As the season has worn on, she’s been using her experience to provide suggestions to the coaching staff.

This isn’t the first time there has been a girl on a boys’ team. Close to four years ago, the senior boys’ team had two girl players: power forward Jennifer Robinson and point guard Rika Takaki, an exchange student from Japan. There hasn’t been a girls’ program in several years. Longo can’t think of another time a girl has played for the boys’ team in his 26 years teaching at HHSS.

Longo said there isn’t an issue now and there wasn’t an issue then either. It speaks to the inclusiveness of the sport.

“That’s great. It’s the idea that if you can play the game and you compete at the same level or even better then there is no issue,” he said.

A few players weren’t sure about Domerchie at the start of the season, Longo said.

“[At the start] some of the guys were ... wondering [what] Emily would bring to the team and literally after the first 10 minutes of our first practice some of the guys were saying, ‘yeah, she can stay. She’s pretty good,’” he said.

There haven’t been any issues related to having Domerchie play, either from her teammates or with the Kawartha League.

Longo’s first exposure to Domerchie was in the summer during the basketball clinics led by former Hawks coach Gordon Cochrane. Longo thought Domerchie was a first-year college or university student based on her talent

and maturity. When he learned she was a student, he encouraged her to try out for the boys’ team.

Working at the scorers’ table during the team’s second home game, senior student Kailynn Sikma said girls in the school want to see Domerchie do well. She likes seeing her friend compete with the boys.

“Every time she goes out [on the floor] we make a point to cheer for her. ... When she got her first basket of the game today, a lot of the girls screamed,” she said.

Hawks captain Sam Longo, who met Domerchie in the summer at the basketball clinics, spoke highly of his teammate calling her one of the team’s stronger players. Although she is not a vocal player, her strength is in her basketball knowledge and ability to remain calm under pressure.

“It’s good to have her because we’re a pretty loud and lose-control-easily kind of team. She’s good to have ... she’s calm and cool, always,” he said.

He commended his shooting guard for her solid fundamentals, which he attributed to her experience playing high school and her competitive league experience, which is not available to players here.

“It really shows. She’s just fit in really well, as a friend and [a player]. She’s been really good,” he said. “She’s been a really good addition to our team.”

The basketball court has been Domerchie’s place of solace.

“Every time I’m in a gym I don’t feel any stress, which is the greatest part about it,” she said.

“I’ve met the closest friends through basketball. It’s taught me a lot about teamwork and collaboration. I think it’s made me more resilient to my moves ... I can’t see this as my last season,” the Grade 12 student said.

The support here has eased the adjustment to a new school.

“It’s hard moving to new places. It’s hard missing your friends and the communities you were part of before, but, first of all, it’s just made me more resilient. The first week I came here and looked for a job – I worked at Baked and Battered this summer, which was pretty nice. I met some great people. Coming to a new community is hard, but everybody here has been so kind and supportive. I will walk out on the court and people who are in my classes will yell my name, which is great. Everybody has been really nice to me,” she said.

Like anybody who loves basketball, she just wants to play. And without a girls’ basketball program, the boys’ team was all that was available. She wasn’t certain how people would respond to her being on the team.

“I thought maybe people would find that weird, but nobody does. Everybody is like, ‘wow, it’s so cool you’re trying. I wish I tried that,’” she said.

Her family moved to Racine from Waterloo, Ont., for her father’s work. With the kind of visa her family had, no one else in the family was allowed to work. Travel over the border was difficult, so visiting extended family proved challenging, she said. She welcomed the return to Canada. The family chose the Highlands because her father had great childhood memories and her parents wanted to retire here.

In the U.S., each game is a community event, starting with a singer performing the national anthem, a halftime show and children’s activities available. Like American sports shown on TV and movies, there is often an intense coach, who yells at his players, and adoring community members at varsity team events, she said.

She said it was strange at first to play in front of a crowd of some 500 fans in Wisconsin. Games were regularly held at 7 p.m., allowing the players to continue their studies and giving time for families to make it to the games.

“At first it made me nervous, just playing in front of that many people and being new to the community. Almost everybody played some sort of sport. You’re really known by everyone, which is kind of strange. They would talk about how you did in the game. I’d be out in the community and people would be like, ‘wow, that was a great game the other week’ ... ‘OK, nice to meet you.’”

Her school was small with about 270 students, but still had three boys’ basketball teams and two girls’ teams. The teams had a no-cut policy so teams were large. Without a football team at the school, basketball was the sport of choice.

It still amazes her when she remembers the thousands out for the boys’ varsity team, cheering from the stands. Much of the fanfare was attributed to highly-touted player J.C. Butler, son of retired NBA all-star Caron Butler, who was born in Racine.

This season in the Highlands was as much of an adjustment for her opponents as for her.

At first her male opponents played her differently,

easing off because of her gender until she would step by them on the dribble or find an open passing lane to a teammate. On one occasion outside of a game at a pre-season tournament in Renfrew, a player from another school approached her and asked if she was the Hawks’ cheerleader. When she answered she was a player, he quickly left, slightly embarrassed.

Finding a place to change at schools during road games has proven challenging, but is manageable and has been about the only gender-related issue she’s faced this season, she said.

Domerchie has welcomed the challenges and believes it will make her a better player.

She’s adjusted to the faster pace of play and the greater overall athleticism of the boys, who are taller on average than the girls she’s played.

An ongoing adjustment has been the weight and size of the basketball itself. In boys’ basketball, the ball is bigger and heavier.

“Adjusting to the weight is the most difficult thing still. I’m used to ... when I’m open I take a shot, but sometimes it doesn’t work out because I need that little extra time to get myself set and provide more power to the ball,” she said.

Domerchie isn’t the only young woman playing in the Kawartha Boys’ Basketball League.

Caroline McCamus, a shooting guard for the Crestwood Secondary School Mustangs senior boys’ basketball team in Peterborough, earned a spot on the 15-player roster.

“We had 26 players try out for the senior boys’ basketball team, and when the roster of 15 players was selected, Caroline’s name was on that final list. She is athletic, smart, physically strong, and mentally tough. She earned a role as a shooting guard on the team. Although we’ve had girls playing on male soccer and football teams, Caroline is the first female athlete to play on a boys’ basketball team at Crestwood,” coach Shawn Hughes wrote in an email.

Domerchie didn’t know about McCamus before the interview with the Echo, but was pleased when she heard about her and hopes they can play against one another.

She doesn’t see any added significance to playing for a boys’ team.

“It’s just made me ... stronger [is] the best way I can put it. A harder worker. It’s just a new experience and I’m enjoying it. I learned I just have to find a way to enjoy life even when these [challenges] happen,” she said.



Emily Domerchie gets her shot off during Kawartha Boys’ Basketball League action earlier this month against the visiting LCVI Spartans. /File Photo



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Haliburton to host Storm the Trent for the first time

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton will be hosting Storm the Trent for the first time in the adventure race's 17 year history.

Seven hundred competitors are expected to descend upon Haliburton to compete in the multi-sport event during the May 26-27 weekend.



Young competitors run together during a Storm the Trent event. Haliburton will be hosting this spring.

People of all ages, from beginners to the elite competitors and everyone in between will have a chance to paddle kayaks and canoes across the lake, pedal their mountain bikes up and over formations of the Canadian Shield under a canopy of mixed forests and hike along meandering trails to complete courses.

Storm the Trent founder and race director Sean Roper said Haliburton ticked all the necessary boxes of an ideal venue for the competition.

"The key features that we look for in this race largely is to be close to a body of water, have a good size venue that can accommodate up to 300 or 400 people a day like a hockey arena, which of course you have, and proximity to trail systems, which Haliburton has in spades," he said.

In the past, the event had been held throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes including Warsaw, Tweed and in the Rice Lake area.

This is the first time in close to a decade the event has used a new venue. Coming here is exciting for Roper and his team.

"We're exploring new terrain and being in a new community is always exciting. We're pretty pumped about it," he said.

Haliburton offers a greater number of connected bodies of water than in previous locations, reducing portaging, and the rolling terrain adds a higher degree of challenge. Around the village of Haliburton there are trails such as Glebe Park and Rail Trail, which are suitable for his event, he said.

Competitors can compete on their own, in pairs, or in teams of four, including a new family category with two or four with racers aged 13 and under. Competitors will paddle, mountain bike and trek or hike, using navigational skills to complete their respective courses.



Storm the Trent competitors paddle during a previous year's race. Haliburton will be hosting the multi-discipline adventure race, the Storm the Trent, for the first time in its 17-year history during the May 26-27 weekend. /Photos courtesy of Storm the Trent

Volunteers, who will be given a T-shirt and a lunch, are welcome, Roper said.

Head Lake Park will be the staging area and serve as the primary transition area while the A.J. LaRue Arena will be the home base.

Roper said there will not be any road closures.

He is the founder and organizer of the RockstAR adventure race, which has been held annually in the summer for several years at Bark Lake outside of Gooderham. Roper first came to the Highlands to compete in the Frontier Adventure Challenge close to 15 years ago at Bark Lake.

Thus far, he said, early response has been great, owed to the beauty of Haliburton and its proximity to amenities and accommodations.

There has been "almost as many if not

the most respondents to our early entry cutoff, which was Jan. 1, as we've ever had in our 17 year history. There's definitely been interest in hosting this in this region. We'll see how this plays out in terms of total numbers on race day," he said.

With the vast options for race courses, the only thing left to know is if final numbers prove to be strong enough for a return.

Haliburton has the potential for Storm the Trent to conceivably have years of course possibilities.

"We always want to make the race a bit different every year with a new course design. We're always exploring new territory. That opportunity is definitely available in Haliburton," he said.

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JDHES junior player Aiden Perrott in a round-robin match.



Jaguars second in tournament

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School junior players Grace Graham, left, and Ethan Dobson converge on a ball during the Division A 2018 County Junior Volleyball Tournament held on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. With an eight school field, the Jaguars earned a second place at the tournament by beating Queen Victoria Public School in the semi-finals. ASES won the county title, beating the Jaguars in the final./DARREN LUM Staff

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School junior player Taylor Consack, far right, receives a serve while teammate Ceinwyn Mathura looks on during the Division A 2018 County Junior Volleyball Tournament held on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.



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There are many free quit-smoking resources, programs and contests to help people in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes go tobacco-free. These include:

- The STOP (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program offered by the Health Unit in Lindsay (March 8), Haliburton (Feb. 6) and Cobourg (Feb. 27). The no-cost program provides quit-smoking resources and five weeks of free nicotine patches for participants. To see if they qualify for the program, smokers can call the health unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2240.

- The First Week Challenge Contest (www.firstweekchallengecontest.ca) encourages Ontario smokers to give up tobacco for one week for a chance to win \$500. Entrants must sign up by the

last day of the month and stay tobacco-free for the first week of the next month. Every month through 2018, a new winner will be randomly chosen. The First Week Challenge Contest is organized by the Canadian Cancer Society.

- Many health care professionals in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes can provide advice, support and resources to help smokers trying to quit. To find out what is available in their community, local residents can visit the health unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca) for a complete list of services.

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Midgets victorious

The Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team finished off the Wasaga Stars by winning both games this weekend. An easy first round for the Midgets. The Storm won 5-2 Saturday, Jan. 27 and 8-2, Sunday, Jan. 28, this sends them to the second round of playoffs. The Storm came on strong from the start Saturday afternoon and took a 1-0 lead. Boice picked

up Patterson-Smith’s rebound for the first goal. Shortly after, the Stars managed to tie it up. Gilbert took a pass from Morissette and headed in to expertly top corner the second goal for the Storm, ending the first period. Flood snuck one by the goalie in the second period, making it a 3-1 game. Shortly after, the Stars took advantage of a power play and closed the gap, 3-2. The action continued in the third period. Lucas Haedicke won a faceoff in the Stars’ end and

made a quick pass to Morissette, he easily chipped it in and widened the gap to 4-2. Boice secured the win with an open netter, ending the game 5-2. The Storm team came out pumped and confident the next day. It began with a pass from Manning that sent Patterson-Smith on a breakaway for the first goal. Shortly after, it was Patterson-Smith’s hard rush that delivered the puck to Boice, he eagerly banged in the second goal. The Storm continued to dominate the second period. During a power play, Lucas Haedicke worked his way along the boards controlling the puck and sent it off to Boice for another goal. The Stars got away with one, making it 3-1. Hats off to Boice, his third goal was a top corner beauty, help from Manning. The Storm team kept the pressure on. Jacob Haedicke’s long pass found Patterson-Smith, he manoeuvred into the Stars end and made a perfectly timed pass to open Manning, now 5-1 for the Storm. Minutes later, the Stars dimming, Manning makes it 6-1. The Stars got lucky with another goal but the Storm answered back with two more. The Haedicke brothers teamed up for the next goal and Flood’s hard slap shot finishes the game, a victorious 8-2 win.

goalie made no mistake and fired a rocket to tie the game at one. Brendan Coumbs’ power play goal put the Storm ahead 2-1 however penalties once again put our locals in the hot seat and Durham took full advantage scoring two quickies for a 3-2 lead. The Crusaders pretty much sealed the deal with two goals early in the third period and despite some close chances, the Storm lost 5-2 and are now down two games to one heading back to Oshawa this Saturday for game 4 and facing elimination.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Atom A’s defeat Durham

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A’s travelled to the Whitby Arena to face the Durham Crusaders for game 2 of the playoffs on Saturday, Jan. 26.

The first period started with a goal by Addison Carr, followed by a goal by Cheyenne Degeer and then the Crusaders scored making the game 2-1 but with one minute left Carr scored his second goal assisted by Mak Prentice. The second period was a battle and early on the Crusaders tied the game up 2-2. The third period the Storm came out for the win. It started with a five-on-three power play goal by Brechin Johnston, next Carr scored his hat trick goal, followed by an end to end unassisted five hole goal by Colby Coumbs and finally a fourth goal by Carr to make the final score a 7-2 win for the Storm.

The Highland Storm Atom A’s hosted the Durham Crusaders at the A.J. LaRue arena on Sunday, Jan. 27 for game 3 of the playoffs. The Storm needed a win to knock out the Crusaders so they started off the first period hot. Cheyenne Degeer scored the first goal within the first two minutes and Addison Carr scored only a minute after that. It went quiet until the Crusaders scored but this didn’t bother the Storm, because Degeer scored her second goal only minutes after followed by a goal by Kadin Card who scored by a tip in of Austin Latanville’s shot. The game was 4-1 going into the second. The second the Storm continued dominating. The Storm scored early in the period with a beauty goal by Colby Coumbs and another rocket goal by Johnston. Then there were a lot of shots but no more goals until the beginning of the third. The third had just as many penalties as it had goals. Both teams were fighting on all fronts but Aaron Neave was not going to let any more goals in his net and Storm was determined to put more pucks in the Crusaders net. It started with a goal by Johnston, followed by Addison Carr’s first goal, next Mak Prentice fired a shot in and finally Carr scored his hat trick goal and with 17 seconds left scored his fourth. The Highland Storm Atom A’s defeated the Durham Crusaders 11-1 and knocked them out of the series in three games. What an amazing accomplishment! Go Storm Go.

Submitted by Amber Card

Peewees win nail-biter

On Saturday, Jan. 27 the JoAnne Sharpley’s Source for Sports Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees travelled to Whitby to take on the Durham Crusaders in game 2 of their series. The Storm took to the ice with a vengeance to try to even the series up. The Storm came out flying with Kyan Hall scoring early in the first assisted by Cooper Coles and Aiden Perrott. The Storm kept the pressure on and Hall netted another assisted by Evan Armstrong to put them up 2-0. The Crusaders came back and netted one of their own near the end of the first to cut the lead in half. The second and third periods saw both teams battling hard back and forth the Crusaders gave everything they had but goalie Damon Harris stood tall and kicked out save after save and the Storm held on to the 2-1 lead and tied the series up. On Sunday the

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Crusaders were back in Haliburton and both teams were out for the series lead. The Storm were strong and fierce and netted the only goal in the first period with Perrott scoring assisted by Avery Degeer and Cheyanne Degeer to give them a 1-0 lead. Gage Hutchinson scored early in second unassisted to put the Storm up by two but the Crusaders scored right after to put them within one. With the momentum on their side the crusaders netted two more to take a 3-2 lead. Hall scored assisted by Cody Keller to tie the game up at three going into the third. The Storm went on the attack and Hall netted three more goals assisted by Coles, Keller and Perrott to put the Storm ahead 6-3. The Crusaders took their 30 second timeout rested their legs and went on the attack themselves scoring two making it a real nail-biter the last five minutes but the Storm managed to hold on to their one goal lead and take the game 6-5 and a 2-1 series lead. Game 4 for the Peewees is in Whitby on Feb. 3 at 1:30 p.m. and Game 5 in Haliburton on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Shamrocks overpower Storm

The Pharmasave LL Atom 1 team were hosted by Parry Sound Shamrocks 2. With a hard battle at hand the Storm played one of their hardest games yet. With persistent pressure and constant battle Logan Reid opened up the scoring assisted Eric and Haiden Bird.

But the Shamrocks were a force not to reckoned with and the Storm lost for a total of 8-1. Player of the game goes to Zach Lowe.

Next game the Storm will be hosting South Muskoka HTC Ins at A.J. LaRue Feb 10 at 11 a.m.

Submitted by Chris McMartin

Bantam LL's play World Junior Classic

The Total Site Services Bantam local league team travelled to Millbrook for the Bantam World Junior Classic this past weekend. We represented team Sweden. Our first game we saw team Russia in a very well matched game. Russia got the first and captain Reese Casey evened it up with a nice pass from Tyler Martin. We started the third in a power play and Reese scored another beauty with Kiera Casey and Cody Martin getting the assists. 2-1 win for Sweden. Curtis Mulock was player of the game. Game two was against Team North America. With seven minutes

remaining in the third Cody had a nice shot that was deflected but Casey tied it up. With seven seconds left and Tyler deked through the other team and his shot was deflected but Nick Phippen took advantage of the rebound winning 2-1 with 2.2 seconds remaining. Phippen and Darian Maddock were players of the game. For Game 3 Sweden was on the board in 12 seconds scored by Casey and assisted by Kolby McGovern. The Czechs tied it up with one minute remaining in the first. But with a nice play between McGovern and Phippen helped us start the second with a 2-1 lead. Cody and Phippen were both able to add to that in the lead. 4-1 win for team IKEA! Kolby McGovern was player of the game. Game 4 vs Switzerland. This was a tough one for the team, final score was 4-0 for Switzerland and Jackson Wilson was the Player of the Game. Game 5 vs Team Europe. Europe got things started and then Cody opened the second with a slapper from the blue line but quickly followed by and goal from team Europe. We had been out shot almost all of our games and if it hadn't been for our fearless defence Keira Casey, Haley Boylan, Hunter Winder and Tyler Martin and amazing goalie Darian Maddock who stopped so many shots. He has amazing agility and coordination, just can't say enough about his performance

this weekend. Haley Boylan was player of the game. Game 6 vs Switzerland (again) in the bronze medal round. This was an intense game the cheering went to a whole new level we found ourselves in a 4-0 situation and then Phippen got one, Wilson accounted for two more and we were back in this game but ran out of time and it ended 5-3 for Switzerland and Jackson was player of the game. Great team bonding weekend and we are all so very proud of compliments we received from the reffing team as we were the more sportsmen like and easy to ref team. Congrats Total Site Services Bantam LL Team.

Submitted by Kathy Martin

This week's playoff schedule:

Atom AE vs Huntsville Otters

Game 5: Saturday, Feb. 3 at 3:30 p.m. in Haliburton

Game 6: (if required) Sunday, Feb. 4 at 1:15 p.m. in Huntsville

Atom vs Shelburne Wolves TBD

Pee wee vs Durham Crusaders

Game 4: Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1:30 in Whitby

Game 5: (if required) Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. in Haliburton

Bantam vs Durham Crusaders

Game 4: Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in Whitby

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Ice sculpture attracts
spectators at festival

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It took many sponsors, good leadership and many volunteers to make it happen, but the Hardwater Festival of Jan. 27 was a success! Part of the action took place at Abbey Gardens, most at the Community Centre. All participants enjoyed the activity of skating, ice climbing, snow-tagging, the movie, lunch and the ice safety awareness which included the demonstration of retrieval from water. Music was thanks to Nick Russell's band.

Although numbers were down due to threatening rainy conditions, it was generally agreed that enthusiasm of participants certainly warrant repeat efforts to continue annual Hardwater Festival. Thanks to all who saw to this year's success. The ice sculpture alone – the fish and birds – were so accurately, so beautifully carved that it was worth making a trip, however brief, to see and admire. Medeba, Bark Lake, Abbey Gardens, Yours Outdoors and all other sponsors can be justly proud of the event of the season!
The evening of Jan. 27 celebrated the annual Burns Night at the Haliburton Legion. Among the participants this year were Jim Milne, George and Alan Cooper, Kathleen Owens and Wayne Cooper.
Euchre Scores:
High: Tina Hadley and Ed Muenzel
Low: Ruth Fletcher and Perry Morrison
Most Lone Hands: Ron Bain and Hank van Nood

Bonspiels galore in Wilberforce

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Folks attending the lunch last Friday at the Wilberforce Legion had a pleasant time together while enjoying a

tasty meal served by the LA. Call Denise at 705-448-8865 for information about the next luncheon.
At the Wilberforce Curling Club the women's bonspiel hits the ice at the end of next week on Feb. 9 and 10. Always popular! Always fun!
The mixed spiel usually held in early January has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24. There may still be time to enter a team.
Here are belated results of the Glow in the Dark bonspiel held before Christmas: The first draw was won by a local team of John Waugh, Andrea Donaldson, Lee Donaldson and Lynn Waugh. The second draw winner was the Woodville team of Trevor Lambert, Lisa Mortson, Pete Burren and Cathy Burren. This has become a very much enjoyed one-day bonspiel.
Freezing rain caused the AGM of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild 1991 to be cancelled earlier this month. It is rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House.
Following the annual meeting after a brief break the regular February meeting of the WHG will be held. All are welcome.
There will be tea to sip while dealing with the business of the guild and our most famous site.
The book club meets this Wednesday, Jan. 31 between 6:30 and 8 p.m. Wonder how many read this month's book *The Girl On The Train*?
Or maybe just watched the film? Or did both?

NOTICE
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IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 2018**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Part Lots 9 and 10, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP SURVEYING AND CONSULTING LTD., dated September 25, 2017.**


The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this **23rd day of January, 2018.**

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2018 BUDGET MEETINGS

The Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al has set the following dates (if required) to review the 2018 Budget:

February 8, 2018 and March 8, 2018

COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2018 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

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New part-time medical clinic to open in Wilberforce



Shannon Mintz (left) and Chris Youngdale were suitable evil villains in an HSES production of "Babes in Toyland," staged at the school library last week. A busload of spectators from the Victoria Street School enjoyed the play.

by MARTIN BIEFER
Echo Editor

The long-awaited medical clinic for Wilberforce is no longer just a dream, and medical staffers will be travelling into the hamlet this spring to operate a part-time clinic.

Monmouth councillor Alan Revill told the Echo Monday that the Haliburton Family Medical Clinic (run by Doctors Blair Pierce, Karl Hartwick and Bob Heyes) will operate a clinic in the hamlet for three half-days each week.

Dr Blair Pierce, reached Monday night, said he and his fellow practitioners were "very pleased" to be able to open the clinic in Wilberforce. The doctors have agreed to operate the clinic for one full year. After that, hours will either be increased or decreased "depending on what sort of need (for medical practitioners) is demonstrated," he said.

Setting up a clinic

Revill said the township hopes to have a building for the doctors as soon as possible -- hopefully in April.

doctors will help Monmouth by providing "technical advice...and the information they need for purchasing equipment."

He added that Dr Hartwick, Dr Heyes and himself are "familiar with setting up clinics."

The council has been trying for several years to find a doctor willing to set up a full-time practice in the village.

Over a year ago, said Revill, the area was designated "doctor-poor" by a ministry of health survey. Discussion with local medical doctors indicated there might be several problems, he added.

• a full-time doctor might be isolated, and would not have close ties with any hospital

• it would be difficult for a doctor to arrange for another to fill in for him during holidays

• there was a question of whether or not there would be enough work to keep a full-time doctor busy -- although patients from Highland Grove, Harcourt and Gooderham would find a Wilberforce clinic handy.

Doctors Blair Pierce, Karl Hartwick, and Bob Heyes will man centre

The building the township has in mind is a former dairy located at the south end of Wilberforce. The building is owned by Ken Sanderson, who has said he will sell at a price "below market level...as part of his contribution towards seeing a medical practice established in Wilberforce," explained the councillor.

Revill said the asking price could not be revealed at this time, but estimated taxpayers would face an average increase of "\$10 per household" over the next three years to pay for the structure.

The old Red Cross Outpost, located in the centre of the hamlet and already municipally-owned, was rejected because of "the cost of renovation and the prohibitive size of the building," said Revill.

Besides the capital expenditure for the building, there will be few costs borne by Monmouth ratepayers. Renovation and labor will be paid by provincial grants, and material costs should be "relatively small," said Revill.

Aiming for a full-time medical practice

Monmouth council wants to see a full-time medical practice in Wilberforce, and for that reason the township intends "to lease the bulk of the (medical equipment) with an option to purchase" that could be staggered over several years. Buying used equipment is another option, said Revill.

Dr Pierce said he and his fellow

Nurse practitioner

An ingenious solution has been proposed by the doctors of the Haliburton Family Medical Clinic.

"We're very excited about the concept of a nurse-practitioner," said Dr Pierce. A nurse-practitioner "is a registered nurse who has had training beyond the norm, and is able to assess patients and come to a diagnosis...and even initiate treatment," he said.

The nurse-practitioner could assess the needs of patients, giving priority to who should be seen first. A full-time nurse-practitioner "would provide more continuity" to the three-day-a-week clinic, he said.

Although the ministry "has not been formally approached" some preliminary inquiries have been made, said Dr Pierce. The idea "might have some universal application" for communities in the same boat -- population wise -- as Wilberforce, he said.

The doctors have no intention of opening a pharmacy in the hamlet. They would be able, however, to dispense drugs brought with them from pharmacies in Haliburton or Bancroft, he said.

The tentative days of operation of the clinic are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Alan Revill was very pleased. In Wilberforce and Monmouth as a whole "we tend to be very active," he said. "We try to do well."

Mini-fair plan may be premature: Pergolas

AHM deputy-reeve favors concept, but not the way in which the plan funding was obtained

Deputy-reeve Ed Pergolas of Anson, Hindon and Minden thinks the funding for the proposed "Mini Fair 83" program should not be coming directly out of the AHM's general revenues.

Pergolas stressed that he was not against the "Mini Fair" concept itself -- but wondered aloud whether the plan should have been launched now, without the benefit of any provincial or federal funding.

"What we're doing is setting up another part of the budget...funding for the "Mini Fair" is not coming out of any special budget," he explained. Plans for the program should not have been finalized (Pergolas noted that Councillor Gary Kenney is ready to hire his people) until alternate funding was sought, added the deputy-reeve.

Ready and willing
Pergolas said that he had seconded a motion to spend money on the "Mini Fair" because he had assumed that the municipality "was

going to be getting the money from NEED" or some other program.

Councillor Kenney said that he had had no intention of confusing council, and said the resolution to spend the money had stated clearly that municipal funds would be used.

"My understanding is that the municipality is investing \$14,700," he said. The Mini Fair will bring monetary and aesthetic returns to the village of Minden, added Kenney. As well, he said, the expenditure would provide moral support for Minden's BIA group, by "matching" their \$14,700 with a municipal program of the same value.

Kenney, the designer of the wooden pavilions, said the project may require only "one or two employees." He designed the structures free of charge, and said a qualified "carpenter / layout person" could assemble the structures with the help of an assistant. "It's not the workers, it's the

material that will cost the most," said Pergolas.

In all three modular pavilions, capable of being used in a variety of combinations, will be built. Kenney distributed a pamphlet to council outlining the specifics of the program.

"The idea of our Mini-Fair is simple. We want our merchants to prosper, we want our crafts-people to be appreciated, and most of all we want our visitors to enjoy their stay in our municipality," begins the pamphlet.

• on June 4, 1983 12 craft/produce displays will be in operation in the Minden municipal parking lot. The cost of renting space will be channelled back into AHM's municipal improvement fund, advises the pamphlet

• street fairs will take place in June and August on designated weekends. The buildings will be re-assembled on Minden's main street, and there will be "displays,

sales, activities and even dances to fill your hours," states the pamphlet

Kenney explained that consultation with merchants had indicated that July was simply too busy a time in the village for the street fair to be held.

Interestingly Don Wolfram, who wrote a letter to the editor of The Times of Minden criticizing the proposal (Wolfram said money and time would be better spent "filling the bottomless potholes in our miserable roads") has joined the municipality's advertising and promotions committee -- to, according to Kenney, provide "advice and reaction that would be valuable for special events, new by-laws, press releases, and general public reactions."

Wolfram's criticism of the Mini-Fair proposal as introduced last year helped the new plan become more acceptable to merchants, said Kenney.

AHM reaches agreement with two Ontario ministries

It appears that the council of Anson, Hindon and Minden has resolved its differences with the ministries of natural resources (MNR) and municipal affairs and housing (MMAH) -- and work on an official plan for the municipality will begin immediately.

According to deputy-reeve Ed Pergolas the agreement is "the most important thing (that has occurred) in the last three years of municipal council."

The long awaited Ontario Municipal Board hearing between the municipality and the two ministries will now not be held, and fears concerning the future development of hazard land in Minden appear to be resolved.

The solution which led to this remarkable turn of events was a municipal request for "special status" for the village of Minden.

A long haul
The history behind last Wednesday night's agreement goes back to 1982, explained Pergolas. At that time the municipality decided to update its old zoning

by-law -- and hoped to replace it with a new, comprehensive zoning by-law. That comprehensive by-law (82-11) would pave the way for an official plan for the municipality, once it was approved by the public and the government.

Council managed to deal with objections from ratepayers, but faced objections from two provincial ministries.

The MMAH raised the question of seasonal residency and its place in municipal zoning. The MNR said that the municipality was not dealing with the question of hazard lands (lands contained in a flood plain) in the village of Minden.

Last Wednesday, said Pergolas, changes in the type of zoning (R4 and R5 were dropped) were proposed and tentatively accepted by MMAH.

To show the municipality's willingness to deal with hazard lands, AHM proposed obtaining "special status" for the village.

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New channels, Pay-TV possible in Haliburton

If all goes according to plan five new channels may be available to Haliburton and Minden cablevision subscribers.

Bob Bishop of CATV said Monday that the additional channels could be brought in by satellite -- if the Canadian Radio, Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) allows a northern satellite company to carry American channels.

The decision is expected at any time, said Bishop. "We were told it would be made at the end of November, then at the end of December, and now at the end of the month," he explained.

Canadian Satellite Communication Incorporated, or Cancom, wants to beam NBC, CBS, ABC and PBS signals from Detroit to cable companies that now cannot receive US signals. An added bonus for Toronto Maple Leaf fans would be the addition of CHCH Hamilton to CATV's selection.

Since CATV, which serves

Haliburton and Minden, has 20-channel capacity, the new channels could easily be accommodated.

"The US channels are out of Detroit -- and would be in the same time zone as we are," said Bishop. As well the large region served by Detroit would mean "sophisticated programming." PBS, for example, offers commercial-free quality programs, he said.

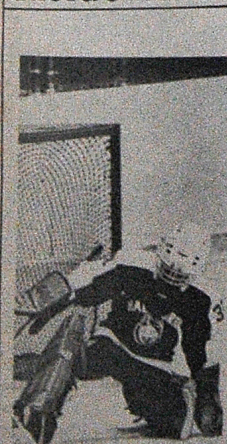
One of the biggest plusses for the new channels would be their delivery by satellite. Images would be "crystal clear," he said.

Pay-TV a possibility

Getting a satellite receiving dish and de-scramblers in place would require a cash outlay of about \$50,000, said Bishop. To offset the costs, viewers would be asked to pay \$10 more a month for their expanded programming. Bishop said he's received positive feedback from the

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Inside the Echo



Two excellent performances by local hockey teams highlighted the week in sports. Our Haliburton OMHA Peewees were the big winners in a Minden tournament, blanking Cookstown in the "A" championship game by a 4-0 count. Over in Wilberforce, our industrial league all-star team made it all the way to the "A" finals, but lost a tough one to a team from Beaverton. For complete scores, statistics and pictures please turn to pages six, seven, eight and nine.

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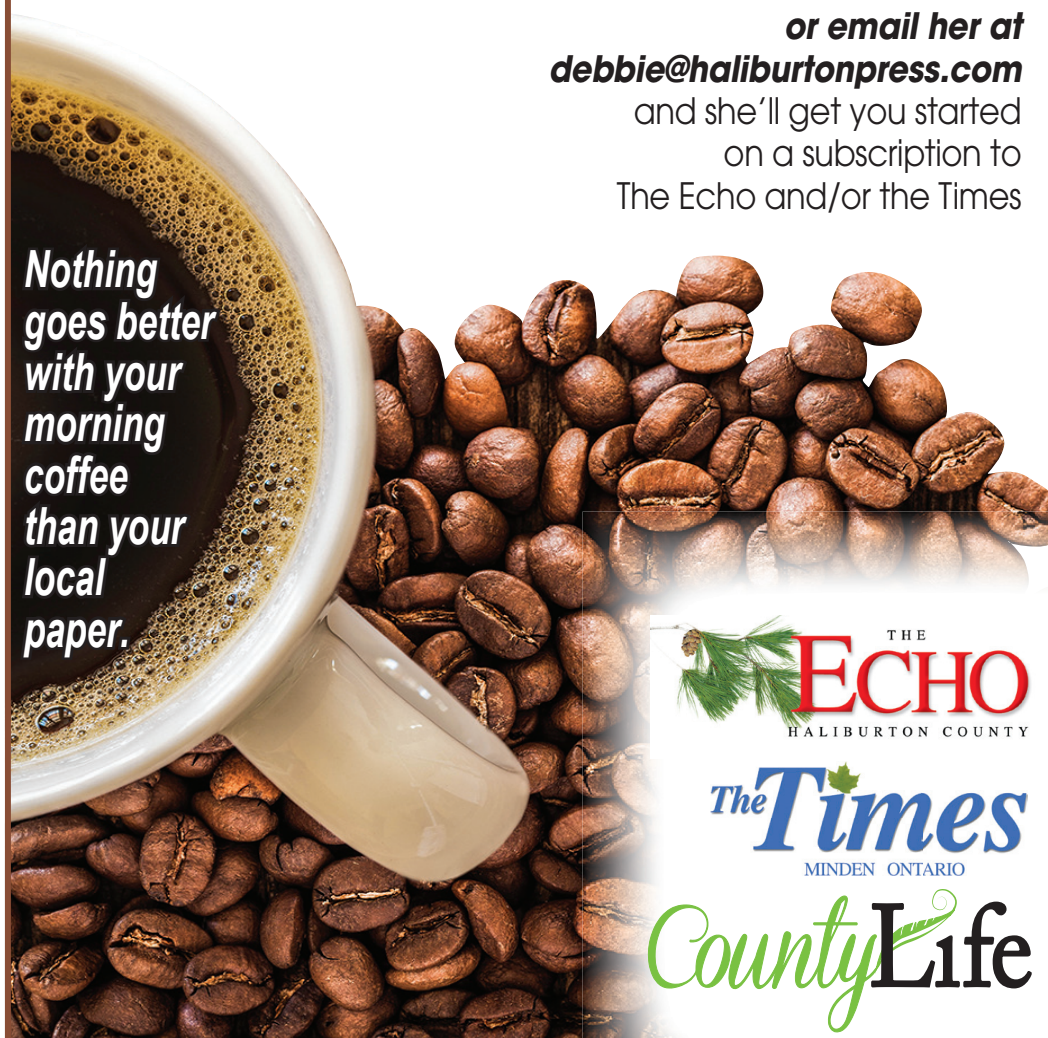
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It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Norman Irwin Hollinger formerly of Stouffville who passed away peacefully in Uxbridge Hospital on January 24, 2018 in his 89th year.

Norm retired and lived in the Haliburton area. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Grace Hollinger and four children, Sandi (Ron) Ramer, Dawn (Les) Osbourne, Julie (Faye) Townsend, and Valarie (Dale) Leger and his 18 grandchildren and 10 great children.

A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date. If desired, memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. www.heartandstroke.ca

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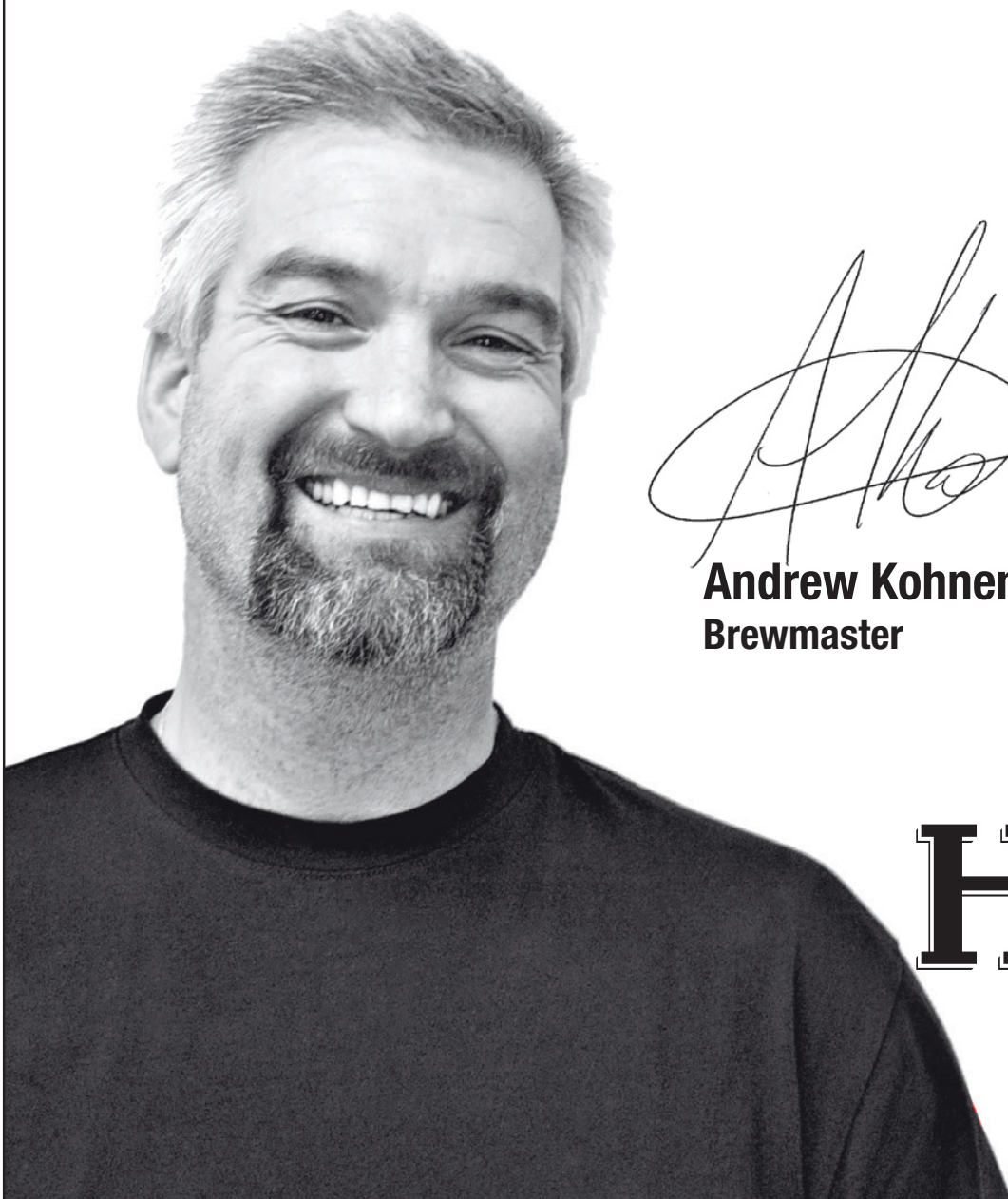
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